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PROBLEMS OF SUGARCANE GROWERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sugarcane growers are unable to produce good crop in the absence of prototype and technical knowledge of production and quality of agricultural fields in the country, particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of assistance being provided by the Government to the sugarcane growers for the development of better sugarcane varieties and promote sugarcane cultivation along with the main features of the draft of the scheme for the Tenth Five Year Plan, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Assistance is provided to sugarcane growers by the Government under the scheme of Macro Management Mode of Agriculture for development of sugarcane including use of varieties by transfer of improved production technologies through field demonstrations; training of farmers and extension workers; assistance for farm implements; enhancing production of planting materials and pest control measures.

The main feature of the Tenth Five Year Plan of the scheme for the development of sugarcane is transfer of production technologies through field demonstrations and training of farmers and extension workers as well as assistance in the supply of critical inputs like qualities planting materials, farm implements, pest control measures, supply of drip irrigation and setting of heat treatment plants in different sugarcane growing States under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture. An amount of Rs.892.39 crores was released during 2004-05 under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture for various schemes including sugarcane.

Besides, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution provides loans to sugar mills from Sugar Development Fund for the development of sugarcane for various activities like rearing of nurseries for seed production, incentives to farmers for improved varieties, setting up of tissue culture laboratories, drip irrigation facilities and ratoon management.